— Special promotional campaign promoting India in Summer & Monsoon months.

— Aggressive promotion of Yoga & Ayurveda for mental, physical and spiritual health on the pattern of Spas in Europe.

— Promotion of Explore India Millennium Year and Khajuraho Millennium celebrations.

(v) Formation of a society called "Destination India" in coordination with the private Travel and Tourism Industry to promote India in oversea markets.

Tourism Project sent by State Governments

2122. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism projects sent by various States for approval during the last two years;

(b) the number of projects approved together with financial assistance provided in each project; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to exploit tourism potential in the country to the maximum extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) to (c) The development of tourist infrastructure is mainly undertaken by the State Governments. However, to supplement their efforts, Ministry of Tourism provides every year financial assistance for the projects identified and prioritised in consultation with the State Governments on the basis of their tourism potential and availability of funds.

During the last two years, 548 projects were sanctioned for an approximate amount of Rs. 126.40 crores for creation of various tourist facilities in the States/Union Territories.

Promotion of Tourism in Orissa and Rajasthan

2123. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Conference of Tourism Ministers was

recently held in New Delhi to consider attracting more foreign tourists in the country when we are at the threshold of a new Millennium;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions/decisions taken at this conference;

(c) what are the plans of Central Government (State-wise) particularly pertaining to the States of Rajasthan and Orissa in this regard during the years 1999—2002; and

(d) what Central assistance is likely to be provided to these two States (year-wise) for promoting tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Agenda points for the Meeting were:

1. Millennium celebrations.
2. Putting Tourism in the Concurrent list.
3. Rationalisation of taxes.

The resolutions adopted in the conference are contained in the enclosed Statement-I *(See* below).

(d) The Ministry of Tourism extends Central financial assistance to the States/UTs for the development and promotion of tourism. The projects prioritised for the States of Rajasthan and Orissa for the Year 1999-2000 for Central financial assistance are indicated in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement I

REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN ORISSA AND RAJASTHAN LIST OF PRIORITISED PROJECTS OF RAJASTHAN FOR 1999-2000

Resolutions Adopted in the State Tourism Ministers Conference held on 22-11-1999,:

D It is resolved that 'Millennium Celebrations' and 'Explore India

Year' would continue up to sunrise of 2001.

□ It is resolved that all the States will organise one or two special events reflecting the spirit of the millennium during the period. The State will send proposals within the next 15 days for further action.

c It is resolved that the detail implications of the proposal to put 'Tourism' in the concurrent list, will be further discussed.

D It is resolved that taxes in the Tourism Industry need to be rationalised and uniform tax structure need to be there in both Hotel Industry as well as in Transport sector. However, State Governments would need more time to examine this proposal in consultation with the Finance Department.

D It is resolved that all efforts will be made to put 'Tourism' as a priority activity both in the States and in the government of India.

Statement II

Regarding Promotion of Tourism in Orissa and Rajasthan

List of prioritised Projects of Rajasthan for 1999-2000

SL No.	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Development of Mossi Rani Cenotaph & development of Facilities at Sagar, Alwar	20.00
2.	Shilpgram, Molela (Nathdware)	20.00
3.	Shilpgram Jaipur	20.00
REFURNISHMENT		
4.	Development of steps at Taragarh, Ajmer	14.00
5.	Conservation and Paving in Kumbhalgarh Fort (ASI)	46.00
6.	Construction of two toilet blocks at Ranthambore Fort (ASI) Through Sulabh International	17.00
7.	Refurbishment of Hawa Mahal, Jaipur	27.00

SL No.	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs . in lakhs)
8.	Refurbishment of Jantar Mantar, Jaipur	20.00
9.	Refurbishment of Gattor Ki Chhattaries, Jaipur	2.95
10.	Refurbishment of Maharani Ki Chhattaries, Jaipur	8.05
11.	Conservation and development works at Amar Singh Rathore Ki Chhatri, Naagaur	20.00
12.	Conservation work at Buland Darwaja, Nagaur	4.00
13.	Refurbishment of Fatesh Gumbaj, Alwar	12.00
14.	Refurbishment and conservation work at Kishori Mahal Bharatpur	25.00
15.	Conservation of Outer Walls of Jaisalmer Fort	35.00
16.	(ASI) Conservation of Kumbalgarh Fort	20.00
17.	Conservation of Sheesh Mahal and Palace, Amer	10.00
18.	Conservation of Cenotaph at Mandaur, Jodhpur	30.00
	WAYSIDE AMENITIES	
19.	General toilet facilities at Mach Kund, Dholpur & Tulab Shahi, Badi, Dholpur	3.76
20.	General toilet facilities and water supply arangements at Govt. Museums, Chittorgarh	8.43
21.	Signages	25.00
	BUDGET ACCOMMODATION	
22.	Construction of Yatrika at Sundha Mata Distt. Jalaur	30.00
	EQUITY SCHEME	
23.	Providing of Health Club, recreation and conference Facilities in Palace on Wheels	28.00
24.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Pushkar	7.00
25.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Bikaner	7.00

SI. No	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
26.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Teej, Jaipur	7.00
27.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Jaipur	7.00
28.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Rishadeo, Bharatpur	7.00
29.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Vinayak, Swaimadhopur	7.00
30.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Meenal, Alwar	7.00
31.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Reception Centre, Swagatam, Jaipur	7.00
32.	Upgradation/expansion of Tourist Bungalow, Nathdwara	7.00
D & AT DIVISION		
33.	Flood lighting and railing at Mount Abu	40.00
FAIRS & FESTIVALS		
34.	Fairs & Festivals, Shilpgram, Udaipur	5.00
	TOTAL Rs . 554.19 lakhs	

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY		
35.	Computerisation of Tourist Centres and RTDC	20.00 Units (Re-prioritised)
	GRAND TOTAL:	Rs. 574.19 lakhs

List of the Projects Prioritised of Orissa for 1999-2000

SI. No.	Name of the Project	1 Prioritised Amt. (Rs. in lakhs)
BUDGET ACCOMMODATION		
1.	Tourist Complex, Deogarh	45.00
2.	Tourist Complex, Sambalpur	45.00
3.	Tourist Complex, Keonghar	45.00
4.	Panthniwas (100 Beds) Phase-II, Puri	95.00
5.	Yatri Niwas, Phase-II, Konark	50.00
6.	Additional Accommodation at Satapada (Chilka Lake) .	50.00
7.	Yatri Niwas at Chandarshivar Balasore	60.00
8.	Tourist Complex, Baliharchandi, Puri	50.00
9.	Yatri Niwas at Hingula Pitha near Angul	30.00
WAYSIDE AMENITD2S		
10.	Chatikona, Rayagada Distt.	5.00
11.	Deogan (Kushaleswar) Keonjhar Distt.	5.00
12.	Barapali, Bargarh Distt.	5.00
13.	Odagaon, Khurda Distt.	5.00
14.	Dappanayakani Pathi, Bhadrak Distt.	5.00
15.	Bhadrakali Pitha, Bhadrak Distt.	5.00
16.	Mahuri Kalia, Ganjam Distt.	5.00
17.	Chandikhol, Cuttack	5.00
18.	Mantridi Ganjam Distt.	5.00
19.	Gorakhanath Pitha, Jagatsinghpur Distt.	5.00
TOURIST CENTRES		
20.	Health Resorts at Barkal	25.00
21.	Integrated Development of Puri Sanction facilities	90.00

D & AT DIVISION				45.00
22.	Trekking 3ase camp at District	Kuldiha	in Balasore	20.00
23.	Water Sports equipment,	Satpada,	Distt., Puri	
	TOTAL:			Rs. 700.00 lakhs

India's Share in World Tourism Trade

†2124. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of India in total world tourism trade; and

(b) what action Government are taking to promote tourism in India keeping in view the Indian traditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) The percentage share of India in the world tourism receipts during 1998 was 0.62.

(b) Various steps taken to promote tourism in India include improvement of infrastructural facilities developing tourist products, organising special events, promoting alternative systems of healing and strengthening publicity and promotional efforts.

Disinvestment of ITDC

2125. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Government's plan to disinvest ITDC; and

(b) the amount of money which is likely to be generated from the disinvestment of ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) The Government has set up an inter Ministerial Group to work out the modalities for appointment of Financial Advisor to advise on the implementation of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.